1998-99 in respect of Madhepura and Raxaul towns and a sum of Rs. 15 lakhs each has been released during the year 2000-2001 in respect of Araria and Khagaria towns. Thus, the total assistance of Rs. 50 lakhs has been released for these four towns. The State Government has been advised to approach Housing & Urban Development Corporation/Industrial Credit & Investment Corporation of India/ Industrial Development Bank of India for loan assistance under the Urban and Environmental Infrastructure Facility Project assisted by the Asian Development Bank for an integrated project of water supply, sewerage and solid waste management for Patna, Gaya and Bodhgaya.

Filling up of SC and ST vacancies

2542. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the vacancies reserved for SCs and STs in his Ministry and its subordinate offices have been filled as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof, category-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for filling up of these posts in each office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Generation of employment for educated unemployed urban youth in Manipur

2543. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial allocation made by Government during the last five years for the State of Manipur to generate employment oportunities for the educated unemployed urban youth in the State;

(b) the achievements made, so far, in this regard; and

(c) the details of the efforts made by Government in this regard during the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) (i) The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation implements Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) through States/UTs with effect from 01.12.1997. This programme seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor (i) through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) through provision of wage employment Rs. 358.31 lakhs have been released to the Government of Manipur under this programme so far.

(ii) Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) being implemented by the Ministry of Small Scale Industries (SSI), Agro & Rural Industries covers educated unemployed youth both in urban and rural areas. That Ministry is reported to have released an amount of over Rs.77.25 lakhs to the Government of Manipur for implementation of PMRY from 1995-96 to 2000-01 (as on 09.03.2001).

(b) While no significant achievement has been reported under SJSRY by the Government of Manipur, the Ministry of SSI, Agro & Rural Industries have reported that out of 5996 cases sanctioned by the Banks during 1995-96 to 2000-01 (upto December, 2000), disbursements have been made in 4112 cases.

(c) In addition to the detailed Guidelines, the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation is monitoring the SJSRY scheme through quarterly progress reports, review meetings and field visits.